Minutes taken by Nikeda Webb

Call to order at 10 AM

Attendance

**Voting Members Present:** Kyla Waltermire, Mike Driskell, Anna Karwowska, John Kokoris, Jamie Paicely, Tana Petrov, Aaron Skog, Tom Stagg, and Nikeda Webb.

**Voting Members Absent:** Laura Long, Donna Schaal,

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Derek Blaida, Amy Byers, Anne Craig, Gail Graziani, Lou Ann Jacobs, Heather Jagman, Greg McCormick, Amanda McKay, Cyndi Robinson

**Ex Officio Members Absent:** Monica Harris, Ryan Johnson, Elizabeth Lynch, Ellen Popit

**Guests included:** Monica Harris (RAILS), Lou Ann Jacobs (AISLE), Ryan Johnson (ILA President), Ellen Popit (ILHS), and Cyndi Robinson (ILA Director)

Approval of Agenda: A new item was added to the agenda regarding the working group on library bomb threats.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously.

Advocacy update (Gail and Amanda): Dates for legislator meetups were shared, with a new schedule (late Nov./early Dec.) Also touched upon subcommittees, the Ready Set Advocate toolkit/website, and ILA Reporter articles.

AISLE update (Lou Ann): Reported from the conference, which had slightly lower numbers, but good downstate representation and great ideas.

CARLI update (Anne): Priority right now is a course materials survey for Illinois students in higher ed, to collect data on course material costs and help develop open educational resources that are free to students.

ILA Executive Board update (Heather, Amy): Meeting in Champaign with the Illinois Fire Services Institute Library. Discussed upcoming conference, paraprofessional statement of support, and IREAD designer who is an Illinois Library Luminary. Strategic plan to come soon.


Intellectual Freedom update (Cyndi): Cyndia mentioned that the Intellectual Freedom Committee “took over” ILA’s social media accounts for Banned Books Week.

Federal update (Cyndi): The federal government averted a shutdown!

State update (Derek, Cyndi) (kind of combined with/led into old business): Veto session to start soon; agenda not really known. At this point in the cycle, only things that need to be dealt with now (vs. waiting until spring) will be dealt with now.

Old business:

- Greg discussed policy vs. procedure with regard to school library book banning; Derek said a notice process was underway and a common sense rule would likely sail through the legislature.
- A hearing for SB 1126 (Illinois Age Appropriate Design Code Act) was granted to the legislator who requested it,
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but it would likely be tabled after that.

Legislative proposals:

- **Approved:**
  - Competitive Bidding Raised: Derek asked who else also wants this (MWRD, e.g.; do other districts?). There is safety in numbers and it helps when people across the state are on the same page.
  - Acquisition of Treasurer Bonds for Libraries in Illinois: In legislative reference period. Percentage threshold would change, saving over $300k a year.
  - Equitable Access to Electronic Literacy Materials Act: On seventh draft, should be sent to Springfield this week. Ryan sent a model draft bill as a proposal, but this is then tweaked for each state.

- **Outstanding:**
  - Amend the Local Records Act to Streamline Disposal of Records: Derek mentioned that supporters might not want to be seen as being against transparency. We’re off of square one; our goal would be to file something in April or May.
  - General fund flexibility: Donna says she’s worked with Ryan, but needs more information, more collaboration, maybe a subcommittee. Derek says he’ll try to meet with House Revenue and Finance Committee Chair, who values common sense ideas, to see if it’s worth our effort.

New Business:

- **Response to bomb threats and other challenges:** ILA has contracted with Megan Cusick, formerly of the ALA Advocacy Office, to work on More Than A Building, inspired by *Bigger Than A Building*. The focus will be on library leaders, workers, volunteers, and patrons. PPC can appoint a member to this working group.
- Additional security measures will be taken at ILA Annual Conference; the issue will be addressed at the membership meeting.

Adjournment (Kyla)
The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.